

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 23-39 are currently active in this case. Claims 1-4-22 have been canceled and Claims 23-39 have been added by way of the present amendment. Each new claim is supported by the specification and claims as originally submitted and no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Robell et al.* (PCT Patent Application No. WO 98/48532, hereinafter *Robell*) in view of *Chan et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,711,631, hereinafter *Chan*); and Claims 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Robell* in view of *Sako et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,215,745, hereinafter *Sako*).

Applicants respectfully submits new Claim 23, which recites:

23. (New) A method of creating content for passenger user selectable entertainment in an on-board in-flight system, comprising the steps of:

inputting a plurality of first content items each comprising a different audio information;

recording the first content items on a recording medium;

preparing a first table listing of information related to the first content items, the first table listing comprising, for each first content item,

a serial number identifying the first content item on the recording medium,

a channel number of the on-board in-flight system for the first content item,

***a text description of the first content item, and
availability conditions of the first content item;
storing the first table listing in conjunction with the first content
items on the recording medium; and
wherein the on-board in-flight system allows a passenger to
select one or more of the first content items having availability per the
first table listing during the passenger's flight using the serial number
of each selected first content item per the first table listing.***

However, the combined cited references fail to teach or suggest similar subject matter.

In particular, Applicants respectfully note that the combined references fail to teach or suggest an on-board in-flight system that allows a passenger to select one or more first content items (comprising audio) having *"an availability per a first table listing during the passenger's flight."* Moreover, the first table listing is stored on the recordable medium along with the content items, and the first table includes *"availability conditions of the first content item."* Thus the present invention provides a platform from which the content items available during the flight are identified by the table

Applicants respectfully note that new Claim 25 expands on Claim 23 in that a second set of content items (comprising video) are recorded in tandem with the first content items and includes its own second table containing the availability information. Thus, as embodied in Claim 25 two separate categories of content are managed at different saved locations on the recordable medium and made available (per their respective listing tables).

Applicants also respectfully submit new Claim 33 which recites:

33. (New) A method of creating content for passenger user selectable entertainment in an on-board in-flight audiovisual system, comprising the steps of:

inputting a plurality of first content items each comprising a different audio only information;

inputting a plurality of second content items each comprising a different audio visual information;

recording the first content items on a recording medium in an audio visual format;

recording the second content items on the recording medium in the audio visual format;

preparing a first table listing of information related to the first content items, the first table comprising, for each first content item, each of,

a serial number identifying the first content item,

a physical address of the first content item on the recording medium,

a channel number of the first content item for the on-board in-flight audiovisual system,

a text description of the first content item, and

availability conditions of the first content item;

storing the first table listing in conjunction with the first content items on the recording medium;

preparing a second table listing of information related to the second content items, said second table comprising, for each second content item, each of,

a serial number identifying the second content item,

a physical address of the second content item on the recording medium,

a channel number of the second content item for the on-board in-flight audiovisual system,

a text description of the second content item, and

availability conditions of the second content item;

storing the second table listing in conjunction with the second content items;

wherein:

the in-flight on-board audiovisual system allows a passenger to select, during the passenger user's flight,

one or more of the first content items having availability per the first table listing using the serial number of each selected first content item per the first table listing, and

one or more of the second content items having availability per the second table listing using the serial number of each selected second content item per the second table listing;

the audio visual format comprises an MPEG format; and

the availability conditions comprise a specific combination of flight, route, and class of travel of a commercial airliner in which the on-board in-flight audio visual system is installed and which the recorded medium has been provided without removal or installation of electronic equipment from/to the airliner per applicable regulations.

However, the combined references fail to teach or suggest similar subject matter.

In particular, Applicants respectfully note that Claim 33 enumerates an entire method for preparing content for an on-board in-flight audiovisual system, where the content includes contents of audio only and audio visual information, each contents stored together on separate portions of a recordable medium along with their corresponding table listings that include significant pertinent information about each content including availability based on flight, route, and class of

passenger travel. Other important aspects of the claimed invention include that the recorded medium is provided to the audiovisual system without removal or installation of electronic equipment from/to the airliner per applicable regulations, and that both the first content (audio only) and the second contents (audiovisual) are both recorded on the medium in the same format.

Applicants further respectfully submit new Claim 34 which recites:

34. (New) A system for providing both audio only content and audio visual content selectable by passengers on a commercial airliner, comprising:

a permanently installed audio visual system in the commercial airliner, and

a removable media having the audio only content and audio visual content recorded thereon;

wherein the contents are recorded on the removable media are allowed to be transported in and out of the airliner according to applicable prescriptions;

the contents are recorded along with listings of the contents including availability of the contents according to specific flights; and

the system allows passengers in the commercial airliner to select at least one of the audio only content and audiovisual content that is available during the passengers' flights per the selected content's listing; and

each of the contents are recorded on the removable media in a same format.

However, the combined references fail to teach or suggest similar subject matter.

In particular, Applicants respectfully note that Claim 34 is a system for providing both audio only content and audio visual content selectable by passengers on a commercial airliner. The system includes a permanently installed audio visual system and a recordable medium that can be transported in and out of the commercial airliner according to applicable prescriptions. More specifically, the claim recites that the contents are recorded along with a contents listing that includes availability of the contents according to specific flights, and the contents (both audio only and audio visual contents) are recorded in the same format.

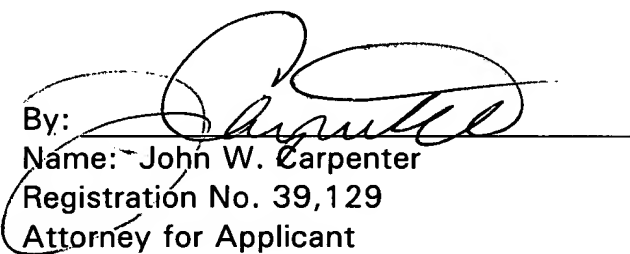
Therefore, Applicants respectfully note that each of independent Claims 23, 33, and 34 include limitations that individually or in combination are neither taught nor suggested by the cited art references, even when combined. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 23, 33, and 34 are patentable over the cited references.

Based on the patentability of the independent Claims, Applicants further respectfully submit that dependent Claims 24-21, and 35-39 are also patentable. However, Applicants also respectfully note that each of the dependent claims add additional patentable subject matter that further distinguishes the cited art references.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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